

P E M B R O K E R U R A L D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1954

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1954. I commenced my official duties with your Authority on 1st September, 1955. This report is therefore compiled from the work carried out by my predecessor, Dr. Dorothy Griffiths, and by Dr. D. J. Davies and Dr. Speedy.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1954.....
..... 6,430

	<u>Pembroke</u> <u>R.D. 1954</u>	<u>Pembroke</u> <u>R.D. 1953</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	17.5	16.8	16.72	15.2
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	10.5	11.7	12.40	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	44.2	38.1	32.23	25.5

Causes of Death

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total (all causes)	31	37
Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	1
Non-respiratory Tuberculosis	-	1
Poliomyelitis	-	1
Cancer	5	4
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	3
Coronary disease, angina	1	5
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
Other heart disease	6	10
Other circulatory disease	4	1
Pneumonia	-	1
Bronchitis	2	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	5
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	3	-

The Birth Rate is higher than that for the County of Pembroke, but the Death Rate is lower. 60% of the total deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years, and 26% of the total were over 80 years of age.

The Infant Mortality Rate is higher than that for the last two years. There were five deaths of infants under 1 year, 3 due to prematurity, 1 to poliomyelitis and 1 to erythroblastosis foetalis.

There was one maternal de



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NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Policmyelitis	1	Scarlet Fever	4	Measles	15
Pneumonia	5	Whooping Cough	3		

The case of policmyelitis was admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble, and made a complete recovery.

There was one death due to anterior policmyelitis. This was a baby of two months, who died on the day after admission to hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year, and was admitted to hospital.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn. Inhabitants of this area had the opportunity of being X-rayed at Pembroke, Pembroke Dock or Tenby, but it was impossible to make separate records of the residents of the rural area who attended these centres.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Records were received for 21 primary vaccinations and 12 secondary vaccinations.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

99 children were immunised during 1954, and 275 children were given reinforcing injections.

Both vaccination and immunisation are carried out free of charge by local practitioners, and records are paid for by the County Council.

The number of immunisations has again increased considerably during the year, and it is hoped that this increase will be maintained.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

Several cases of old people living alone were investigated, but no statutory action was found to be necessary. These old people are visited regularly by the District Nurses and the Welfare Officer.

WATER SUPPLY

During 1954, the extension of the water main from Sampson Cross to St.Twynnells was completed. This extension enabled the parishes of Castlemartin, Warren and St.Twynnells to be supplied direct from Stephen's Green, instead of as previously from Freynes Lake.

Details of the water supply are as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses Connected</u>	<u>Standpipes</u>
Angle	4	6
Bosherston	14	-
Carew	104	19
Castlemartin	30	4
Cosheston	72	4
Hodgeston	13	2
Hundleton	40	7
Lamphey	117	9
Manorbier	143	12
Nash	5	2
Penally	92	4
Redberth	22	2
Rhoscrewther	16	-
Stackpole	51	-
St.Florence	59	-
St.Twynnells	10	-
St.Petrcx	5	-
St.Mary Out Liberty	73	4
Warren	5	1

Samples of water sent for bacteriological examination during 1954 were :-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Doubtful</u>
Taken from private supplies and public wells.	1	6	-
Taken from proposed public supplies.	4	22	2

SEWERAGE

Milton/Carew Cheriton Sewerage Scheme

No private connections were made to the above scheme during the year.

Manorbier Village Sewerage Scheme

This scheme was completed during the year, and 16 council houses at Manor Crescent were connected to the sewer.

Carew Village Scheme.

Work on the public sewerage scheme at Carew was commenced, and by the end of the year all sewers had been laid. The construction of the Sewage Disposal Works was well in hand, and had almost been completed.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council has not yet undertaken a systematic refuse collection from individual premises. Communal refuse bins are provided for tins and bottles in all villages and hamlets. These bins are emptied and cleaned at approximately weekly intervals, but difficulties are experienced owing to bins being filled with house refuse and other combustible matter. In addition, large numbers of holiday makers visiting the district during the summer months, create an added burden to the present system of refuse collection.

HOUSING

During 1954, six council houses were completed and occupied at Maidenwells. This now brings the total number of council houses to 225.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

Phyllis M. Bowen,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1954

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I commenced my official duties with your Authority on 15th November, 1954, and therefore the greater part of the data outlined in this report is compiled from the work carried out by my predecessor Mr.H.B.Edwards, and by Mr.C.R.Sandell, Senior Sanitary Inspector of Pembroke Borough.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J.E.Criddle

Sanitary Inspector

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR

Total No.of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	51
No.of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	24
No.of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column).	26
No.of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	24

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16</u>	
No.of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	-
No.of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By owners)	-
<u>Public Health Acts</u>	
No.of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	6
No.of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By owners)	6
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 and 13</u>	
No.of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	-
No.of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	-
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.</u>	
No.of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	-

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein	Not known
No. of persons dwelling therein	Not known
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	4
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	4
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	13

SANITARY INSPECTION

No. of complaints received	46
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	23

Summary of Inspections

Dwelling houses:-

No. of inspections arising from housing applications	24
No. of inspections under Housing Act, 1936.	10
No. of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants.	8
No. of inspections under Public Health Act.	33
Drainage	30
Infectious Disease Enquiries and Disinfections	6
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	32
Schools	20
Factories (including bakehouses)	41
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	15
Refuse disposal	30
Water supplies	120
Miscellaneous	43

No. of Notices served.

Preliminary:	Housing	24
	Other	-
Statutory:	Housing	-
	Other	-

Summary Action

Summonses issued	Nil	Convictions obtained	Nil
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MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of Registered Retailers	23 (all producer retailers)
No. of inspections	Nil.

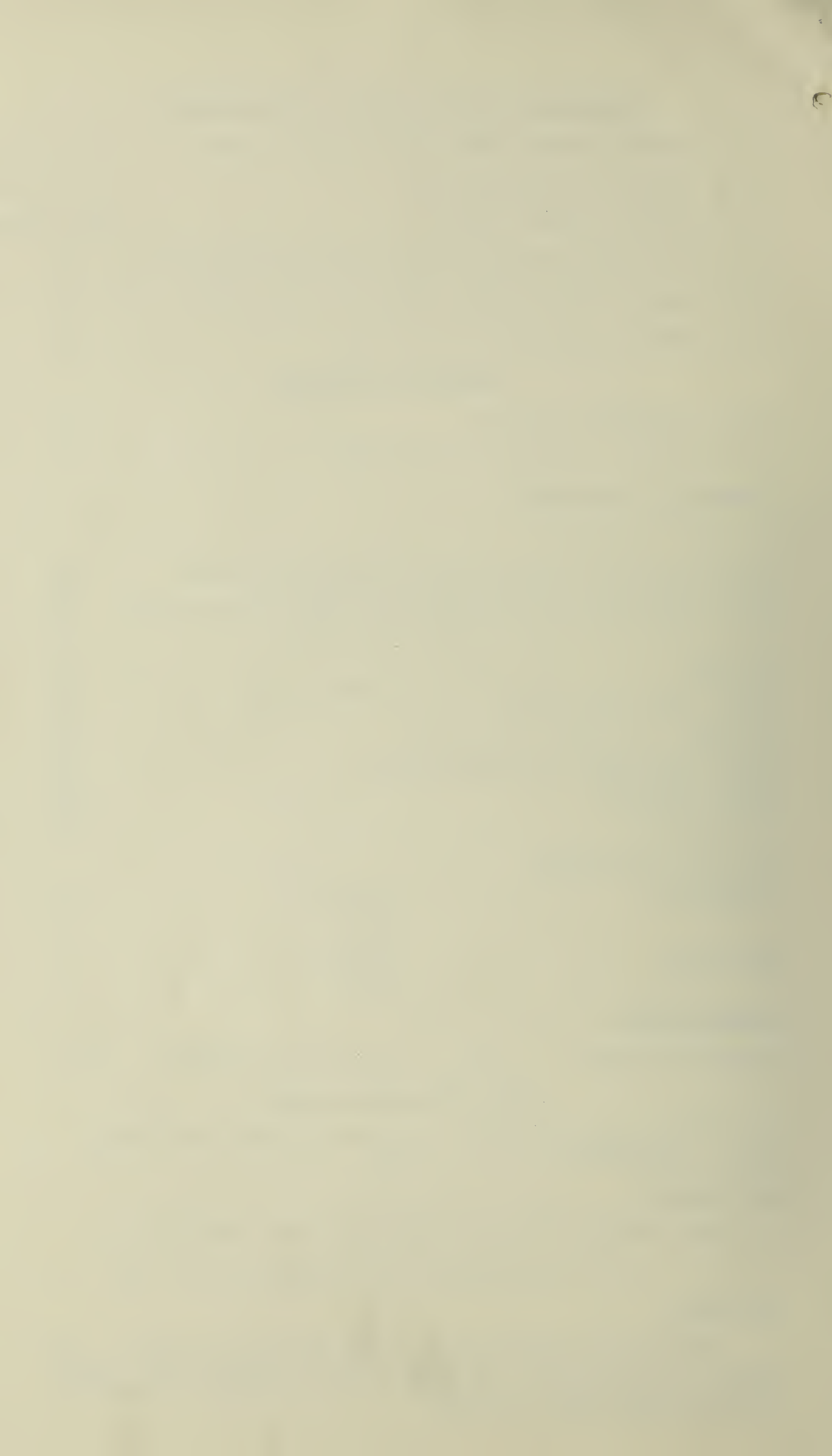
Milk Samples

No. of samples taken for bacteriological examination :-

Satisfactory 12 Unsatisfactory Nil

Ice Cream.

There is one manufacturer of ice-cream in the area. This ice-cream is sold mainly in the Borough and samples were taken by the Borough Sanitary Inspector. No complaints of unsatisfactory samples were received.



CONDEMNED FOOD

It was found necessary to condemn 18 tins of various foodstuffs, weighing approximately 21 lbs.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

When control of slaughtering and the distribution of meat by the Ministry of Food ended early in July, one private slaughterhouse at Carew was licensed. The output of this slaughterhouse is limited to the needs of only one butcher, and regular inspections have been made. In all, 50 cattle, 113 sheep, 46 pigs and 30 calves were slaughtered. Disease incidence was confined entirely to cirrhosis of the liver caused by the liver fluke *Fasciola Hepaticum*. This condition is of course, quite common in cattle and sheep. Approximately 165 lbs. of liver was condemned.

Rodent Control

One of the Council's workmen, normally engaged on refuse collection is employed part time on rodent control. Particular attention is given to the Council's refuse tip at Hedgeston and also to the Council's refuse bins. The Infestation Control Division of the Pembrokeshire Agricultural Executive Committee have negotiated a large number of contracts with individual farmers within the district. Particulars of infestations found when inspecting farms are immediately forwarded to the Pests Officer, who then discusses with the farmer concerned, the question of disinfection by contract with the Pembrokeshire Agricultural Executive Committee.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	9	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	8	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	24	Nil	Nil
Total:	17	41	Nil	Nil

